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3 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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6 ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE  
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9 IN RE: ELECTRONIC FILING IN CASES WITH UNREPRESENTED PARTIES

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11 When the Electronic Case Filing (ECF/e-filing) program was established for civil  
12 cases in January 2003 (see generally General Order 45), the court's practice was to exclude from the  
13 e-filing program cases in which any party was not represented by an attorney. Pursuant to Part III of  
14 General Order 45, the court's ECF webpage provided: "All cases involving pro se parties are  
15 excluded from the e-filing program and must be filed entirely in paper, unless otherwise ordered by  
16 the court."

17 Effective immediately, cases with unrepresented party litigants in which at least one  
18 party is represented by an attorney will no longer be excluded from the e-filing program. All  
19 *represented* parties will e-file their submissions to the court on the same basis as in cases not  
20 involving pro se litigants and in compliance with all parts of General Order 45. *Represented* parties  
21 will be required to serve paper copies by mail on *unrepresented* parties only. As before,  
22 unrepresented litigants will continue to file and serve all submissions to the court in paper form  
23 unless prior leave is obtained from the assigned judge in a particular case.

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25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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27 Date: May 11, 2007

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Vaughn R Walker  
United States District Chief Judge